

EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES—NOTES OF INTEREST TO DISTRICT STUDENTS.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

The big debate between Columbia University and the University of Virginia was held at the Columbia Theatre on the afternoon of April 18. Senator Cullom, Senator Hawley, and Associate Justice White, of the United States Supreme Court, who acted as judges, unanimously awarded the victory to the Columbian men. And great was the joy among local law students and the friends of the Washington institution. The question was: "Resolved, That an offensive and defensive alliance would be to the best interests of the United States."

The Columbian boys supported the affirmative side of the question. The debate was a social success as well as being the greatest event in the school year. The entire Diplomatic Corps, with few exceptions, was present. Lord Paunceforte, the British Ambassador, occupied a seat well to the rear of the playhouse, in close proximity to Mr. Kogoro Takira, the Japanese Minister. Both followed the debate with deep interest. The German Ambassador, Herr von Holleben, closely noted the arguments produced.

Minister Wu Ting-fang, accompanied by the secretary of the Chinese Legation, was seated near the Portuguese Minister. The ministers from Venezuela, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, and Senator Apizaco, the Mexican Ambassador, representing the Latin nations of America, saw in the germ enkindled of the intercollegiate combat the future history of their countries.

Among the other foreign representatives present were Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, whose country would be most affected by an alliance such as that being debated; Cheikh Bey, the Turkish Minister, and the secretary of the French Embassy.

Attorney General Knox was in one box, accompanied by Assistant Attorney General Beck and Hutchins.

Miss Roosevelt Present.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, the President's daughter, occupied another. With her were Kermit and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Secretary Cortelyou, Commander and Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Cortelyou, and Mrs. Semmes.

A number of United States Senators intently followed the course of the debate, among them Senator Nelson, Senator Clapp, Senator Mason, and Senator Mallory. Representatives present were Stevens, Fletcher, Hestwell, Morris, Hay, Rhea, Joseph Cannon, and others.

The grizzled visage of General Longstreet was seen among the faces of prominent men. The great Confederate leader "roared" for Virginia.

No less interested than the audience were the three distinguished judges. Senator Cullom in order to be one of those to render the decision, propounded a meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee in the face of great opposition.

Emblems Entwined.

Inside the theater the entwined emblems of Virginia and Columbia, bravely supported by the national colors in abundance, bunting, streamers, and flags of all sizes, covered every vestige of space, and gay coloring greeted the eye on every side. The gray and blue of the Old Dominion and the orange of Columbia, with the red, white, and blue, made a gorgeous spectacle.

The stage was covered under a mass of emblems, trailing green, and flowers. On the right was Virginia and on the left Columbia. The judges sat in the third row of the orchestra.

Over all was the deafening din. The college boys didn't rest a minute. When the U. of V. scream ceased a moment, the "yell" of Columbia rose triumphant. It was a good yell, but a trifle loud for Columbia Theater. What the boys needed was a square mile of desert. The cry was this:

Purpose of Alliance.

The first speaker gave the general outline, showing the purpose of an alliance with Great Britain, to preserve, extend and protect American commerce with all nations; to extend the language, laws, and civilization of the Anglo-Saxon race; to provide for an arbitration tribunal for the settlement of all disputes between the United States and England, which would gradually be made to extend to all foreign powers.

Mr. Walter also showed the attitude of foreign nations to our commerce, and claimed that our excessive production demands a foreign market.

James B. Catox, of Alexandria, for the University of Virginia, followed for his side delivered the best argument in opposition to an alliance. The other speakers were Joseph William Howell, of Michigan, and J. Homer Deis, of the District of Columbia, for Columbia, and Thomas W. Holloman, of Mississippi, and Toy Dixon Savage, of North Carolina, for the University of Virginia.

Victory perched upon the banner of the local boys when Mr. Deis made the concluding argument for his side. After the last speaker for the negative had closed, Mr. Deis spoke in rebuttal for five minutes.

Mr. Justice Edward D. White made the decision of the judges. The opinion was unanimous—something which has not happened in intercollegiate debates for years. The rafters were raised many inches.

Judges Out Some Time.

The judges were out some time. Justice White, when he appeared, made a polite speech, in which he gave the honors to the local university.

At night the Columbian University boys entertained their vanquished rivals of the University of Virginia at a banquet at the New Willard. No more speeches were made, and the students devoted themselves to a good time. The following were present:

Dr. Samuel H. Greene, Dr. Charles W. Needham, Justice John M. Harlan, Justice David J. Brewer, Dr. David J. Hill, Dr. John W. Foster, Dr. Howard L. Lodge, Judge Stanton J. Peck, Dr. Carroll D. Wright, Judge Martin A. Knapp, Judge Willis Van De Venter, Judge William A. Maury, Prof. William C. Johnson, Prof. C. E. Brandenburg, Dr. Charles C. Scribner, Prof. Walter C. Clephane, Prof. Arthur Peter, Prof. Henry P. Blair, Prof. C. R. Dean, Prof. J. W. Holcombe, Prof. Channing Rood, Lester M. Walter, J. W. Howell, J. Homer Deis, W. S. Penfield, T. P. Guyton, Oran Clyde Cullen, P. S. Pierson, E. H. Pritchard, H. J. Pack, A. M. Churchill, W. J. Fritchie, C. J. Fox, A. F. Bellitt, E. S. Evans, R. V. Smith, P. R. Heinman, T. A. Scott, J. G. Challice. From the University of Virginia there were present James R. Catox, T. W. Holloman, Toy Dixon Savage, A. W. Ayres, Prof. Charles W. Kent, and Prof. Charles A. Groves.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

The students at Georgetown can talk of little else than the glorious victory they achieved over Washington's professional ball players last week. The boys are happy. And their happiness is a blessing to Georgetown's numerous soda water fountains.

Mr. John Wolf, secretary of the Athletic Association last year, is visiting the college. He is extremely popular among the students, and has a host of friends at the school. The welcome he received when the boys caught sight of him would have been a treat for the oldest grad. And now that Wolf is here it seems impossible for him to leave. At least, the fellows say he must remain, and that seems to settle it. Wolf was the manager of Georgetown's baseball team in 1899, and

duly celebrated on Friday. Not even the stirring victory of the Business baseball nine over the boys from the Eastern could lift for more than a passing moment the heavy veil of sorrow that rests over everyone in the school, the teachers excepted.

Commercial law proved the disastrous snag in the course of the majority of the second year pupils. Ninety-two students, hopeful to the end, "flunked" in this particular study, and fell hard. For many of them this means the sinking of the very last piece of wreckage to which they could cling and be drifted safely over into the blessed realms of the graduating class. Upon fully one-third of this number the sun of hope has set. Their energies have been wasted. No diploma can be theirs—at least, not this year. Several of them have already given up.



LUTHER M. WALTER,

First Speaker for Columbian University.

Mr. Walter opened the debate between the Columbian University and the University of Virginia. He is one of the best known men at the local college, and is unreservedly popular. A native of Kentucky, he came to this city and entered the law school of the Columbian University, from which he received a diploma last June. He is now a student in the School of Comparative Jurisprudence and Diplomacy, and is the president of his class. Mr. Walter is an ardent Republican, and last fall stamped his district thoroughly for his Congressional nomination.

hardly the men very successfully. The present side appears to look upon him as "the real thing."

Tennis started up at the college last week, and is taking a great boom among the students who are lovers of outdoor sports. One side of the big campus is devoted to the game, and is never without some occupants during the day. Richard Keedy is the tennis manager.

"Broncho" Armstrong, Yale '95, of Hampton, Va., spent the afternoon recently at the college with Graduate Manager Thompson. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Thompson officiated in the important football game in the South last fall. Football was the main topic of conversation. Many plans were also made for the team next year. Both gentlemen will probably officiate in some of the important games in the North next season.

BUSINESS HIGH SCHOOL.

There are no bounds to the woe that prevails among the students at the Business just at present. The third quarter ended last week, and matinee day was



J. HOMER DEIS,

Third Columbian Speaker.

Mr. Deis had the side of the question in the Columbian-Virginia debate that appealed to the students, and many of his remarks were so highly pleasing to the large crowd of "rooters" present that they fairly raised the roof of the Columbia Theater with their howls of joy and school songs. Mr. Deis is a native of Ohio, and is a member of this year's graduating class at the Columbian Law School. It is said by his friends that he intends to enter the ministry.

before there was there such universal use of the phrase of the immortal bard, "Oh, that I could know the end of this day's business ere it comes!"

But the final straw that broke the camel's back descended upon the sorrow-stricken students when the doors of the examination rooms were thrown open and they entered in. Written all over the blackboards were test questions, the like of which they had never seen or heard. Not one question, possibly twenty, the whole examination had ever been taken up and studied or discussed in the classes. All concerned subjects utterly forgot their heads, and the tears were shed. They often had heard tales from older students of what the third-quarter flunk examinations were like, but all were willing to admit that "the half had not been told."

Never did such an event transpire in a local high school, and there is little possibility that it ever will again. So great a number of "flunks" at one time was never heard of before. Unless several hundred Business High School students burn the midnight oil continuously from now until the middle of June there will be a big funeral instead of graduating exercises at the end of the school year.

Held Another Debate.

Section D-2 at the Business held an interesting debate last Thursday afternoon. The question was:

"Resolved, That the Spanish-American war has proved a benefit to the United States."

Mr. Barber, Mr. Mitchell, Miss Peacock, and Miss Brown supported the affirmative, while the negative was ably upheld by Miss Bielaski, Mr. Hendricks, Miss Hercules, and Miss Whit.

Mr. Davis, Mr. Thurston, and Miss McNelly, who acted as judges, awarded the decision to the affirmative speakers.

Dr. Lane, director of the high schools, and Dr. Kingsman, of the Board of Education, were present and enjoyed the efforts of the youthful orators greatly. The feature of the debate was the witty altercation between Miss Bielaski and Mr. Barber, the leaders of the two sides. Miss Bielaski overstepped the time limit and Mr. Barber promptly rose and "called her down." This made the young lady furious and it is said that she addressed some very caustic remarks to Barber by way of the chair. The supporters of the young people took sides in the matter, and a free-for-all verbal duel was only prevented by the presence of their distinguished guests. Both sides, however, are still very angry over the matter and each is making considerable talk regarding the poor quality of the other's debate.

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL.

There is only one topic of conversation in the Western High School at the present time, and that concerns the thrilling "hold-up" and "highway robbery," said to have been perpetrated upon Warren Offutt and LeRoy Heffebower, two of the most illustrious pupils in the school, one night last week.

The pupils generally are inclined to laugh at the matter as a "yarn" of the boys, for there is no way of proving that the thrilling encounter with highwaymen that the two young men have described so vividly actually took place, and, after all, word for the matter is all they have to back up the most unusual and blood-curdling story.

As the story goes the pair were taking a solitary walk through "Dead Man's Hollow" on the Virginia side of the Potomac river about 9 o'clock the other night. At a dark and desolate part of the road they were met by two disreputable looking men, one of them lame, who asked them for a match. The boys gave them some matches and started to walk off, when two more men stepped out of the woods by the side of the road and the students found themselves surrounded and looking into the muzzles of "several" revolvers. The lame fellow was in favor of silencing us, and throwing our bodies under a little bridge about ten feet long that was near where we stood. The others were in favor of letting us go, but the lame chap still stuck to it that they should at least shoot a couple of holes in us just to wound us and make us remember not to tell anyone. But they finally decided to let us off if we got out of sight in ten seconds.

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did. You needn't talk so big; you were so scared that you nearly collapsed."

"In a minute," the other continued, "two other tough looking men stepped out of the woods at the side of the road, and the four surrounded us. One fellow drew out a horrible long knife and, while the lame man kept us covered with a revolver, made us put up our hands. I watched my chance and tried to drop my hands to pick up a rock or something to defend myself with, but the chap dug me in the stomach with the knife and made me throw my hands up again. I have some cuts on me now where he dug me with the knife."

"That's right," said Offutt; "he cut me, too."

"The man searched us, but I had hidden my watch and I had no money on me. When they began to search Offutt he dropped his hands to protect himself and one highwayman knocked him down and kicked him in the face. Then they went

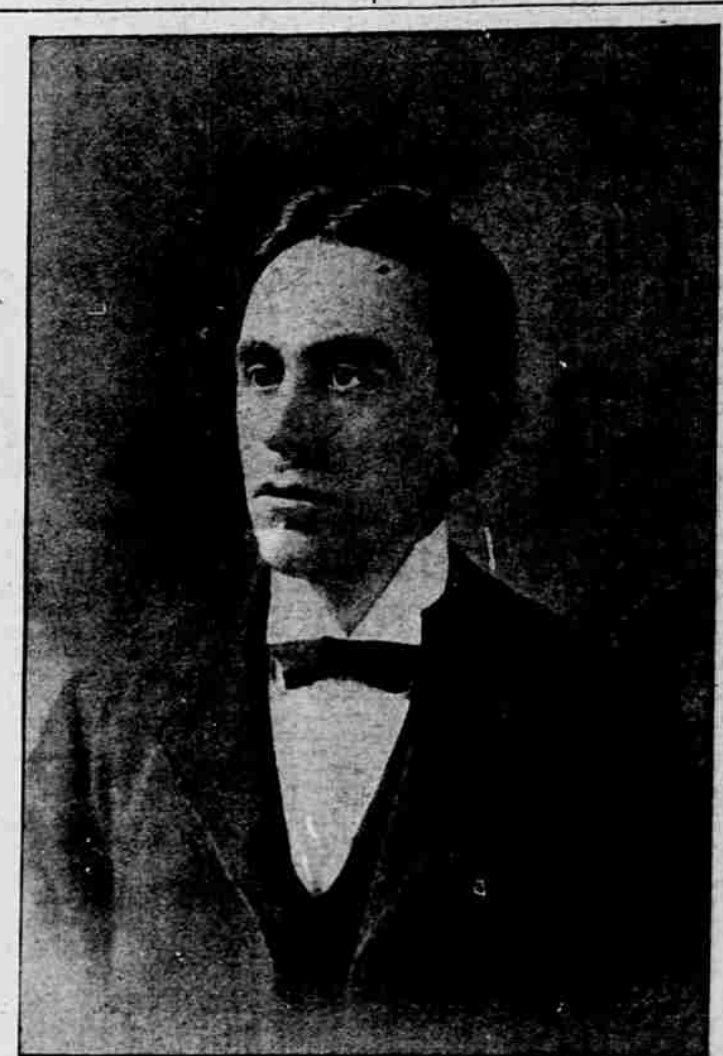
the fellow fired at me. I heard the bullet whistle past my head, but I kept on, hoping that he wouldn't shoot again."

"We didn't say anything to the police about it, for we were afraid our parents would find out we were over in 'Dead Man's Hollow' at that time of the night. They wouldn't have done a thing to us. But you can just bet that we are going to stay away from that place at night after this."

And the heroes walked off in search of other victims to tell their tale of adventure to.

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL.

Friday was matinee day at the Eastern and the school was resplendent with many familiar "matinee" faces. This past quarter, however, has been a most successful one with the majority of the pupils, only a few more than half as many failing in



JOSEPH WILLIAM HOWELL,

Second Speaker for Columbian.

Mr. Howell is a native of Michigan, and a graduate of the Columbian Law School, class of '01. He is noted among the students at the college for his remarkable powers of logic, and in the debate with the University of Virginia was assigned the phase of the question which gave him a wide scope for his abilities in this direction. He is also one of Columbia's most popular men.

through his pockets and he only had a nickel. They took that and his ring."

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COLLEGE POLITICIANS.

The young man in politics is nothing new. But for them to commence while college students to take an active interest in the political affairs of the country and work like veterans for the success of their party in the field is somewhat novel.

Such is the aim of the American College League. This organization strives to interest all college students and graduates in the principles of the Republican party, and to work actively for its success in the field. It claims that while many of its members are not entitled to a vote yet, they can nevertheless be of much service to the party in various ways. As the constitution of the league states, the object of the organization is to arouse college men to take an active interest in the practical administration of popular government; to provoke discussion and investigation of political-economic questions; to aid in securing uniform legislation favorable to the gaining of legal residence by student voters at the seat of their educational institutions; to organize clubs in the colleges of the United States for the purpose of advocating, promoting, and maintaining the principles of Republicanism as enunciated by that party.

Proud of Their Record.

The members relate with pride that at the organization of the league in 1892 William McKinley, then Governor of Ohio, who made the principal address of the day to the students, said:

"This will be a memorable occasion for the college men of America. There is no such school for political education as the college and university. What is inculcated here penetrates every corner of the country where the college man goes. He goes everywhere and wherever he goes he is a mighty force in making and molding public sentiment."

From that time to his death William McKinley was one of the best friends of the organization and took a deep and fatherly interest in its affairs.

President Roosevelt is also said to be a great admirer of the league and is one of the members of the advisory committee.

The coming campaign is attracting much attention of the members and they are already working energetically. In Ohio the State central campaign committee has recognized the usefulness of the organization to reach the young men and has given it quarters in its administration building and printed much of its literature. They recently printed 10,000 copies of President Kirtland's pamphlet, "The College Man in Politics," and express their intention to get out a second edition.

Mr. Gus A. Schullt, the chairman of the organization with headquarters in this city, appreciating the fact that the college man of today is the voter of tomorrow and what is inculcated during college life has a tendency to formulate his later life, is making a great effort to get the college men of Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey and Delaware down to active work and is meeting with much success. The Republican students of the various local colleges have also been interested by the chairman and from the enthusiastic manner in which they take to the work it is apparent that they will make good politicians in the future.

President Kirtland.

The energetic and capable president of the league is Harry R. Kirtland, esq., of Harvard University. Mr. Kirtland has written much on political subjects as affecting the young men, and is a most considerable. The chairman of the executive committee and is in charge of the editorial bureau is Mr. Wilfred Jessup, a well-known young orator and attorney of the West who stumped throughout the West during the last campaign. The campaign manager, who has charge of all matters relating to the manner of prosecuting the work in the various state campaigns, is F. Henry Wurzer, a popular and well-known young attorney of Indiana.

Mr. Gus A. Schullt, the chairman of the organization, is well known in Maryland and in this city, both in journalistic and musical circles and is now in the office of the City School of Music, where he is located in the Columbian Building, receiving recruits into the folds of the organization constantly and having attended the Columbian and National Universities has no difficulty in interesting the young men in the club. As he states, he is always pleased to hear from college men interested in the work of the American College League.

Students Traveling a Hard Road. These strenuous times in the work of the students remind one of the advice of a trainer to a young half-mile runner. He said: "Start out and run fast from the very beginning, when you begin to feel tired go faster, and when you feel as though your lungs would burst and your head feels dizzy and sounds like there is a bass drum being pounded inside of it, and your knees feel weak and unable to support you any longer, grip your corks, grit your teeth, and go faster yet." That is just what is happening now. The students have worked hard, have increased their labors as the year advanced, and now that the close of school is in sight, are working harder than ever.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Tomorrow morning the students of Central High School will start on the fourth and last quarter of the scholastic year. Friday was matinee day, and while many pupils were compelled to stay to make up their studies, the conduct study hall seemed to be the most popular. In fact every seat was taken and some of the pupils were compelled to go into other rooms and sit there out time. The conduct hall at Central is quite an interesting place after 2 o'clock on school days and especially on matinee day. Never does a day pass but what there is someone sent to conduct hall for an hour or two. This is the method the teachers have of punishing the "naughty" boys and girls. For a very serious offense they are obliged to stay in the conduct hall two hours after school every day for a week. This method has been found very effective for the past ten or fifteen years.

The Central girls' basketball team met with defeat at the hands of the Western team last Tuesday evening by a score of 6 to 4. The game was a hard fought one from the beginning to the end, and it was a mighty hard struggle for the Westerners to do their work. The playing was of a very swift character, and the ball was kept in the air throughout the game.

The Senior Club was entertained last Friday evening by Miss Irene Ornduff, of 1718 S Street. The club held a most enjoyable meeting, and afterward indulged in amusements and refreshments.

Prof. Jean Des Gerennes delivered a lecture Tuesday last in the exhibition hall of the Central High School on Shakespearean works. The lecture was attended by the senior classes and many visitors. This is the second of a series of lectures which Prof. Des Gerennes is delivering at the school.

Mr. Hall, instructor of physics of the Technical School, has been busy for the past three or four weeks making plans for the arrangement of his electrical laboratory in the new technical building, which will be completed within the next two or three months. The drawings are being made by Mr. Hall, and the machinery and instruments. The working drawings of the plans are being made by Lieutenant Atkinson, '02.

LEONARD ERIKSSON, President Georgetown Law School Debating Society.

Mr. Eriksson was born in Sweden in 1877. In the spring of 1891 he bled farewell to the fatherland and came to the United States. He went directly to Minnesota, and after becoming familiar with American customs was educated first in the public schools and later graduated from the "advanced course" at the Minnesota State Normal School, at Moorhead. His family, with the exception of a younger brother who came to this country two years ago, are still living in the "Land of the Midnight Sun."

Mr. Eriksson's experiences have been many and varied. He early affiliated himself with the Republican party, and has since been an active party worker. Last year the citizens from his State holding office here in Washington elected him president of the Minnesota Republican Association. He intends to graduate from the Georgetown Law School, and later return to Minnesota to practice law.